

continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/899,931, filed July 24, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/376,512, filed January 23, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,714,504, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/256,174, filed June 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,693,818.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Insert as the first sentence of the specification following the title, - This is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/187,277, filed November 6, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/899,931, filed July 24, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/376,512, filed January 23, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,714,504, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/256,174, filed June 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,693,818. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

**Cancel claims 2-7, 10-18, 20, 23-34.**